

WASHINGTON MESSAGE NEWS

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ARTHUR MANN WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Washington State President Chosen as Masseur of the Year.

Washington A.A.M.M. members are proud of the fact that their State President, Arthur Mann was chosen "MASSEUR of the Year" at the National Convention held Aug. 11 and 12 at Lexington, Kentucky.

To those who know Mr. Mann, the announcement was not a surprise, for he typifies all that the rest of us might hope to be. Mr. Mann is thorough in his work, modest in his approach and a gentleman at all times. The Washington Message News extends congratulations to Mr. Mann and to the committee who picked him from a group of high calibre contestants.

Following is Mr. Mann's report on the National Convention to State A.A.M.M. Arrived in Louisville, Kentucky Aug. 11 at 9.45. Thursday was taken up with committee and director meetings. Thursday evening we had our usual get acquainted social. I was happy to make the acquaintance of many new members, and of course always glad to see so many familiar faces again.

Dr. Brooks saw to it that every one had a wonderful time singing, joking etc., after which refreshments were served.

Friday morning, registration continued and 9.00 A.M. found us starting our regular morning session of our tenth annual convention.

Seating of National Officers was first on the agenda. Then the session was opened by singing AMERICA, after which there was presentation and salute to the flag. Dr. Brooks gave memorial services for deceased members, following which Mr. Carlson gave the invocation and held the consecration of hands ritual.

Mr. Harper Gatton, Vice President, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce then gave a speech welcoming convention members to Louisville. The rest of the A.M. was taken up with old business and appointing committees.

Afternoon opened with singing following which we had some very good demonstrations.

In the evening we were taken on a bus tour our first stop was at the famous race track Churchill Downs where thousands gather every year to watch the spectacular races. Then we continued on to the famous landmark, My Old Kentucky Home where Stephen Foster wrote many well known songs. Entering the grounds we passed through rows of locust trees from which came the humming of many locusts. The house was a large three story colonial type furnished with the original furnishings, among which were many antiques and famous paintings. The kitchen of this home was a separate building set apart from the main house, but we were told most of the cooking and serving were performed outside.

We then returned to our hotel and retired.

Saturday morning session was opened with prayer following which committees made their annual reports.

The resolution presented by Washington state concerning our National Presidents fare being paid to and from National convention was accepted on the grounds that the train fare be paid at chair coach rates.

R. Mann's report continued;

Watch for the next National Massage magazine for further information on other resolutions passed, also full coverage of convention news by Dr. Chas. Brooks, our National Editor.

We had the largest turnout for convention that we have ever had. I hope the next convention in Milwaukee, Wis., will show as much increase in attendance as the 1955 one in Kentucky.

What is or should be the purpose of our A.M.M. meetings?

Page 1 Article 2 of our National Constitution says, quote;
The purpose of this association is to foster the spirit of co-operation and exchange of ideas among its members and to advance the science of massage and raise the standards of the profession so as to merit the respect and confidence of all mankind.; End quote

P.R. Canada, Pres. of the Seattle chapter with the following, answers the foregoing question

As I see it, the purpose definitely should not be for advertising our individual businesses. That would spoil the interest. Our purpose should be to build a bigger and better and better A.M.M. We should talk over plans together that will let the world know what this organization is able to do for suffering humanity. Our personal interests should be waived at these meetings.

As we build our organization it will in turn build us as individuals. Sales and Sales talks should be barred from our meetings. Various techniques, health talks and discussions should be our order of business and we should let it be known nationwide that the A.M.M. stands for clean honest health building principles. We condone no counterfeits. We stand for purity of mind and heart. Our program is a health work. The A.M.M. will not tolerate those who are otherwise minded. We should endeavor to make it clear to the public that massage is the oldest healing art known to mankind. It should be considered first among the healing arts. It stands for God's ordained method without the use of drugs.

Heat, water, electricity, massage, food and herb therapy are ordained of God. He expects us in the field of massage to use His therapy discreetly and trust in Him to bless our efforts. The sole purpose of the A.M.M. is to keep this fact before the public---MASSAGE IS A HEALTH PROGRAM---. We work not for filthy lucre, nor for passion seekers, but we work to bring health, wealth and happiness to the sick, oppressed and discouraged. We attempt to restore them to a place in the sun where they can be a blessing to humanity.

We must come to the front by proving our skill and accomplishments of real health technique. Our work is ordained of God. He expects His servants to serve, using His appointed agencies. Satan does and will continue to perform miracles in order to deceive even the elect.

As A.M.M. members let's boost our profession, not some other makeshift one. Be true A.M.M. in heart, soul and spirit. In this way we may advance the knowledge of massage. I write this in a sincere desire to boost our organization and a hope of making it attractive to our members and friends. Let's work for the A.M.M. and it will work for us. I hope you will all say "Amen". God is listening. Which side are you on? Let's join the army of Human Service for God's property, our fellow men. He says such service is unto Him. A word to the wise is sufficient... Let's be boosters.

Seattle Camp Members, ATTENTION//

Elsewhere in this issue you will find the announcement of the bi-monthly meeting to be held in Snohomish Sept 11. That is your invitation to be there. No cards will be sent out.

Spokane, It would be a pleasure to get something for the News from you.

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Heb. 13; 5-6

LET'S HAVE SOME NEW ARTICLES BY NEW WRITERS NEXT MONTH (Ed.)

ENCOURAGEMENT

You will all be glad to know that we did not wear out our Convention hostess, Jessie E. Smith who has written the following, which should be a source of encouragement to every one of us. We quote.

Well, I finally recovered from the convention and found out that I was more scared than hurt.

I was so glad to have so many of you at our house that night, only wished the others could have joined us. I have just found out we have a new field opening up right under our noses. Governor Langlie and Mr. Hollenbeck have decided there should be therapy in each Nursing Home, they insist on it as soon as the new program is in motion.

I think it would be a good idea if each one of us become acquainted with the patients and the owners of their respective communities.

Many people found out about us through the convention that have never heard of us before. I still think our conventions should be held in different parts of the State every year regardless of how many or few operators there are there.

Dr. Stevenson (who gave us that fine address at our Sunday convention breakfast) intends to run for legislature next time. He has talked to other Doctors about us and they are stopping me, asking questions, some introducing themselves when I go to the hospital. I have had several Dr.'s. call me and want to know why they were not invited to the convention. I believe all Dr.'s should be invited to our next convention. The M.D.s are interested.

Two new grand children in a week, June 22, boy, at Holden, Wash. June 28, girl, Roseburg, Ore. so I'm getting old.

Good Luck to Everyone, Jessie Smith.

Thanks for the encouraging letter Jessie, Congratulations on the new arrivals and may all your troubles be little ones. (ed)

SEATTLE CAMP PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow workers in the health building program, Well another month has rolled around and Sept. 11 will soon be here. That's the date for our next meeting, so lets begin now to plan on what we can bring, to make our meeting pleasant and inspirational. We want your best. If there is any thing that needs to be forgotten lets forget it and rise above old mistakes and varied differences.

We will never all be alike, nor all work alike, lets all come with a smile and a forgiving spirit and work for success and progress.

If you have ideas about increasing membership, tell us about it. If you have had outstanding results in some special technique, come prepared to demonstrate it and tell us all about it. If you have legislative ideas we want them too. Lets talk it over together and make our meetings something every one will hate to miss.

We are expecting visitors from the large number of masseurs and masseuses who are not yet members of our A.A.M.H., lets show them a hearty welcome and a good time.

Please leave the hatchet at home but bring the stepladder. Lets climb to higher ideas and attainments. Success and progress is our motto, lets pull together. I will be looking for you Sept. 11 at 2 pm at the J.L. Hatch home at 120 Ave. D in Snohomish. Don't disappoint us, YOU are needed, yes YOUR presence means much. Goodbye now, P.A. Canady, Pres. Seattle Chapter A.A.M.H.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

Regular bi-monthly meeting of the Seattle Camp A.A.M.H. will convene at the home of Mr. and Mrs J.L. Hatch at 120 Ave D, Snohomish. This will be a combined business affair. The hostess will furnish strawberry shortcake and coffee or other drink. You may bring what you wish to add to a picnic dinner. If the weather permits we may go to the park or eat on the lawn or else we will be served in the house where there is room for all and a hearty welcome awaits you. Don't miss this one.

Hilton Niedfelt, who has served on the National committee and many other committees has worked especially hard on membership comes to us with an article that is really timely as he reminds us

IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES

This article being written on the 23rd of Aug., Mr. Bloom informs me that only a pitifully small number have paid their dues. Of course, we haven't had a bill yet and we suspect that Mr. Bloom will send us all bills telling us to pay up or else-----but-----somehow it seems to me that we should all be anxious to pay right away, NOW.

We have had our State Convention, had the pleasure of selecting our own officers and choosing the program that will guide our officers in Washington for the next year; we know the problems that our profession is facing and we should become active in footing the bill.

Heretofore we have had a plan whereby those persons who "wanted to" help our legislative plan" dug down in their pockets and voluntarily contributed. However this year our State Convention thought that the load of paying for protection, so that we Massage Technicians would not be legislated out of business as was threatened in 1947 H.B. 157, should be paid equally by all members. Yes, those that are not members should pay also but we haven't got them to join yet. You figure a way to get them to pay and that will lighten our burden also. But, be that as it may, if we Massage Technicians don't want our profession stopped in this state we had better get on the ball and get more members and put up a bigger fight. That is why the \$7.50 was added to the \$12.00 dues.

In order to fight this thing through, it seems to me that every legislator in this state should be put on a list and get information each week or month, telling them about our massage profession.

We should have meetings with the principle doctors explaining to them that we need this Massage Law and that they can't find good Massage technicians if they won't help.

We should get the Edison Technical school to teach Massage as our profession knows massage, not as some salesman thinks it ought to be taught.

The way to do these things is to have public meetings explaining to the people---all kinds of people, what massage is all about.

Aug. 17th the writer gave a demonstration to the Y.M.C.A. and for two hours the crowd grew and when the demonstration was ended the applause was hearty indeed.

The next day the chairman called saying the demonstration was very educational and beneficial. He further stated there would be more opportunities to tell about Massage.

More opportunities are just what we need. Opportunities to tell how massage maintains health, re-conditions bodies and lives, how it assuages pain and discomfort, how it prevents sickness and restores to health those who have allowed their bodies to become the lodging place for disease.

We should get on open forums and platforms and tell about massage like Arthur Mann did on King television Monday Aug. 22 and most of all we must get a plug in for our A.A.M.T. like Arthur did. We must "din" it into the ears of Legislators and Doctors that people do need and want massage and want it under legal circumstances.

So now lets pay our dues and contribute to this cause in every way that is honorable but never "crawl into our hole" and let our opportunity to make our profession better slip away. Lets pay our dues now, Now, NOW.

Note Change of Address

F.E. BLOOM

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15 N. Lacey St.

Spokane, 24, Washington

That's the new address of genial State A.A.M.T. Sec-Treas

Mr. Bloom enjoys reading checks more than he does letters so lets keep him happy. \$12.00 dues and \$7.50 for the legislative fund will keep him satisfied a whole year. (ed)

OREGON NEWS
(South of the Border, Down Oregon Way)

With the passing of the old month and the coming of the new one, one often wonders what has happened the present one. Here I find I'm late with copy for the coming issue of the Washington A.A.M.M. and, as usual, nothing much to report.

However, I might say that I read a very interesting article in the Idaho A.A.M.M. News of last month by Dr. Ernest Meltner on "Your Hands Your Lost Spiritual Organs". Have this article available to any one who would like to read it.

Nowly installed officers of the Oregon Chapter of A.A.M.M. are as follows.
David Scheld, Pres.
Elinore Crosby, Vice Pres.
C.A. Tyler, Sec-Treas.

We are in receipt of an informative letter from the Nebraska Chapter desiring to know more about our schools of Massage here in Oregon, so that the Nebr. State Health Board will have as much information as possible before issuing them their new licenses. The Chapter was successful in getting their new Massage law through the Nebr. Legislature.

Sept 11 has been set aside as the next bi-monthly meeting of the Oregon Chapter.

The meeting will be held at the Hubbard Springs Resort, Hubbard, Ore., with one of our new members, Marjorie Hudgins, as our hostess. Lets all get out to this meeting and bring along some prospective member to get acquainted with us.

Your Sec. was very much pleased in receiving a nice letter from Inez Bergman of Fairbanks, Alaska, enclosing therewith a check for \$15.00 to pay for her new years dues. (Inez has not been present to attend a meeting but still keeps her membership in our local. Please note she sent \$3.00 extra)

At the last meeting, which was held at Dr. Cotners place of business in Portland, The chapter voted to make Dr. Cotner an Honorary Member.

Membership was extended by Pres. Scheld and a very complimentary reply was made by Dr. Cotner.

With news reports of hurricanes and floodsoon the East coast, tornadoes, windstorms and floods in the middle east etc. it appears that one is indeed lucky to be living in the Northwest country in spite of the heavy Oregon mist at various times of the year.

Fraternally yours,
C.A. Tyler, Oregon Chapter.

Mr. Tyler was right regarding Dr. Meltners article and we wont be a bit surprised to see it reprinted in the national "Masseur", which paper is becoming more interesting right along. (Ed.)

A city traveler, looking over a small town said to one of the natives, "How true it is that one half of the world doesnt know how the other half lives", to which the native replied, "Not in this town, Dad, not in this town".

The Idaho Chapter A.A.M.M. is putting out a dandy monthly and your editor hopes that as time goes on that other states will follow in the footsteps of those who have taken the lead in this phase of publicising MASSAGE to the end that each state will be a help to our national editor in getting out a continually improving professional journal.